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TAGS: MPOL, UR, US

SUBJECT: WAR COLLEGE VISIT AND MILITARY EXCHANGES

REF: MOSCOW 3935

1. STATE AND DOD AGREE THAT THERE IS POSSIBLE MERIT  
IN THE SOVIET COUNTERPROPOSAL TO EXCHANGE DELEGATIONS OF  
SENIOR OFFICERS AND THAT IT SHOULD BE EXPLORED FURTHER  
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WITH THE SOVIETS. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE MAY BE  
PITFALLS AND/OR PROBLEMS OF ORCHESTRATING SUCH A VISIT  
WITH THE OVERALL STATE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THUS,  
WE WILL TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE SOVIET PROPOSAL.

2. AT THE SAME TIME WE CONTINUE TO REGARD THE WAR COLLEGE  
VISIT TO BE OF VALUE, AND WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE

APRIL VISIT TAKE PLACE AS PROPOSED. WE ALSO FAVOR REITER-  
ATING OUR INTEREST TO THE SOVIETS AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT  
IN CONTINUING THE MILITARY LECTURE PROGRAM. IF WE PUT  
OFF THE WAR COLLEGE VISIT THIS YEAR IT MAY BE DIFFICULT  
TO GET MOMENTUM GOING AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. IT IS POSSIBLE,  
MOREOVER, THAT THE SOVIETS WILL PERMIT THE WAR COLLEGE  
VISIT TO TAKE PLACE IF WE RESPOND AS POSITIVELY AS  
POSSIBLE TO THEIR PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES.

3. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT DATT AND EMBASSY RETURN  
TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS ASAP AND STATE THAT: A) IN  
PRINCIPLE WE WELCOME THE BROADENING AND ELEVATION OF  
THE NATURE OF OUR MILITARY EXCHANGES PROPOSED BY THE  
SOVIETS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER  
WHEN THE SOVIETS PRESENT A MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. B)  
WASHINGTON WILL STUDY THE SOVIET PROPOSALS CAREFULLY,  
AND WILL RESPOND AT AN EARLY DATE. C) AT THE SAME TIME,  
WE ARE STILL VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING THE WAR COLLEGE  
VISIT THE USSR AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. WE BELIEVE  
THAT THIS WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST, DESPITE  
THE DIFFERENCES IN MILITARY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS. WE  
BELIEVE WAR COLLEGE VISITS USEFULLY COMPLEMENT OTHER  
EXCHANGES IN THE MILITARY FIELD.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ON REASONS FOR  
SOVIET INTEREST IN BROADENING AND ELEVATING THE LEVEL OF  
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EXCHANGES. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, IT APPEARS AT LEAST  
IN PART TO REFLECT A DESIRE BY SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS  
TO EXCLUDE LOWER-RANKING „STUDENTS" FROM PERQUISITES  
OF MILITARY EXCHANGES, AND TO GET INTO THE ACT THEMSELVES.

5. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (EUR) LUERS BROACHED SUBJECT WITH  
SOV EMB MINISTER COUNSELOR BESSMERTNYKH 3/15. THAT  
CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

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